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1. ECONOMIC COUNCIL: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE. AT LAST YEAR'S COUNCIL SESSION, THE PARTICIPANTS BENEFITED FROM MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENTS CARTER AND CEAUSESCU. WE ASSUME THAT CEAUSESCU WILL ONCE AGAIN BE FORTHCOMING AND HOPE THAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO CRANK OUT SOMETHING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE FIFTH COUNCIL SESSION. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE CARTER MESSAGE OF LAST YEAR, DATED JULY 7, COULD SERVE AS A MODEL. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH MIGHT WELL BE AMDNDED TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE STATE VISIT AND/OR ITS RESULTS.

2. ECONOMIC COUNCIL: EMBASSY BRIEFING. IN REVIEWING OUR FILES, WE FIND THAT WE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HASFURTHER'S IDEA OF AN EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SECTION. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ON THIS POINT FROM DON. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL BUT FROM HERE HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IMAGINING HOW SUCH A BRIEFING COULD BE FITTED INTO THE SCHEDULE AS IT STANDS. HAS FURTHER'S COMMENTS ON THIS SITUATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS. OUR EXCHANGE ON
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DIACONESCU WAS SO FRUITFUL THAT I MAKE BOLD TO RAISE ANOTHER PROBLEM, FORTUNATELY SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT AND MORE PROMISING. WITH THE MASS CHANGEOVER IN NSF (AND PERHAPS ALSO IN OES), THE STATE OF NSF/NCST RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON SCIENCE EXCHANGES IN GENERAL SEEMS TO US EVEN MORE PARLOUS BECAUSE OF THE STRICTLY MECHANICAL PROBLEM OF GETTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS,

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I.E. KEEPING THE CHANNEN AND THROBBING. IN
OTHER WORDS, IN ADDITION TO THE FAMILIAR PROBLEMS OF
GETTING ROMANIAN ORGANS TO RESPOND, WE NOW SEEM TO HAVE
A SIMILAR PROBLEM ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. THE BIOMEDICAL
TEAM AND THE LETTER ABOUT THE FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM REMAIN IN THE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE, BUT
ANOTHER IS NOW ON THE BOOKS: OUR JUNE 7 O-I REQUEST
(BUCHAREST 3901) FOR THE MINUTE OF THE MAY NSF/NCST
REVIEW AND LETTER FROM NSF EXPLAINING ITS POSITION AND
PURPOSES FOR FURTHER COOPERATION -- WHICH IS URGENT,
IF THE AMBASSADOR IS TO TALK KNOWLEDGEABLY TO BOGDAN
NEXT TIME. WE REALIZE HOW BUSY YOU ARE, AND WHAT THE
ATMOSPHERE IS, BUT IT IS PRECISELY IN ORDER TO KEEP IT
STABLE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO
TO ENCOURAGE TIMELINESS AND RESPONSIVENESS FROM THE
SCIENCE WORKING LEVEL SO MUCH.
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